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1. SUMMARY: SENIOR MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO CONSIDER COMVIS PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION REQUEST, CONSOFFS' OCTOBER 9 MEETING RE COMVIS PROCEDURES (PARA 3 REF A) WAS WITH IVAN IVANOVICH IPPOLITOV, NEW (SINCE JULY) HEAD OF CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION. ALSO PRESENT WERE KUSTOV AND VINOGRADOV OF VISA DIVISION.

3. CONSOFFS AGAIN WENT OVER NEW COMVIS REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES AT LENGTH FOR IPPOLITOVA, WHO SAID NEW REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MADE VISA PROCEDURES MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIET SIDE. HE ASSERTED THAT REQUIREMENT FOR CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS REQUESTS PRESENTED "GREAT DIFFICULTY" WHICH COULD NOT BE RESOLVED SO QUICKLY, AND HE REQUESTED MORE TIME FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER MATTER. HE IMPLIED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION SHOULD HAVE REACTED SOONER TO EMBASSY'S AUGUST 15 NOTE, BUT SAID MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH OCT 3 MEETING AND MFA NEEDED MORE TIME. HE INDICATED MFA MIGHT RAISE ENTIRE QUESTION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER.

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4. IPPOLITOV ALSO ARGUED THAT U.S. CLOSED AREAS RESTRICTIONS

ARE DISCRIMINATORY, IN THAT THEY APPLY ONLY TO SOVIETS WHILE SOVIET CLOSED AREAS RESTRICTIONS ARE NON-DISCRIMINATORY, IN THAT THEY APPLY TO ALL FOREIGNERS. CONSOFFS MADE USUAL REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT U.S. RESTRICTIONS ARE IN RECIPROCITY.

5. IPPOLITOV SEEMED SURPRISED AND INTERESTED WHEN CONSOFFS NOTED THAT SOVEMBASSY, AMTORG AND SOVIET COMMISSION TO EXPO 74 ROUTINELY MAKE CLOSED AREAS EXCEPTIONS REQUESTS.

6. CONSOFFS INSISTED THAT EMBASSY'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE THAT MFA MUST COMMENCE MAKING CLOSED AREAS EXCEPTIONS REQUESTS IN APPLICABLE COMMERCIAL VISITOR VISA APPLICATIONS, AT LEAST IN FORM OF GENERAL CONDITIONAL REQUEST IN EACH NOTE (PER PARA 2C REF C). AT IPPOLITOV'S REQUEST, CONSOFFS AGREED TO RELAY TO DEPARTMENT HIS REQUEST FOR MORE TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER.

7. CONSOFFS NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAD AUTHORIZATIONS WHICH, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, IT WAS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE PENDING CLOSED AREAS EXCEPTION REQUEST:

STATE REFERENCE NAME(S)

219861 YUGAN

219855 BAZEFSKIY AND SRAPENYANTS

219863 SHKREBTIYENKO

221150 YEGOROV

KUSTOV ASKED THAT EMBASSY ISSUE ABOVE VISAS WITHOUT CLOSED AREAS EXCEPTION REQUESTS PENDING COMPLETION OF MFA-EMBASSY CONSULTATIONS ABOUT NEW PROCEDURES. CONOFFS DECLINED, AND OFFERED TO ACCEPT HANDWRITTEN REQUEST FROM KUSTOV ON COPIES OF NOTES. IPPOLITOV HALF-JOKINGLY OFFERED TO LEAVE ROOM WHILE KUSTOV DID SO, BUT KUSTOV DECLINED, NOTING HE HAD NO SUCH AUTHORITY. AT REQUEST OF SOVIETS, CONSOFFS AGREED TO RELAY TO DEPT MFA'S REQUEST THAT ABOVE VISAS BE ISSUED WITHOUT CLOSED AREAS EXCEPTION REQUESTS.

9. SINCE COMVIS REQUIRMENTS WERE CONVEYED TO MFA AUGUST 15 AND CONOFFS WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS CONSULTING MFA OCTOBER 3, WE ARE ATTRACTED BY IDEA OF INSISTING THAT MFA COMMENCE COMPLYING IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, IN INTEREST OF RELATIONS WITH MFA, AND WITH KORNIYENKO'S OCT 8 COMPLAINTS TO AMBASSADOR ABOUT VISA MATTERS (REF B) IN MIND, EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION TO GIVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IPPOLITOV AND CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION FEW MORE DAYS IN WHICH TO BEGIN COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENT FOR CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS REQUESTS, PROVIDED MFA COMMENCES NOW TO COMPLY (OR AT LEAST ENDEAVOR TO COMPLY) WITH OTHER COMVIS REQUIRMENTS FOR FULLER INFORMATION. THUS

EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IT NOW ISSUE VISAS IN CASES PARA 7 ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS OCT 10 HERE.

10. SEPTELS WILL FOLLOW ABOUT OTHER VISA MATTERS RAISED  
BY IPPOLITOV, SOME RELATED TO KORNIYENKO'S COMPLAINTS REF B.  
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